

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION**

Thomas Zaucha,

Plaintiff,

v.

I.Q. Data International, Inc.
c/o Illinois Corporation Service Co.
801 Adlai Stevenson Drive
Springfield, IL 62703,

Defendant.

Case No.

COMPLAINT

Jury Demand Requested

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 1- This court has jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§1331, 1337, 1367; and 15 U.S.C. §1692k(d).
- 2- Venue is proper because a substantial part of the events giving rise to this claim occurred in this District.

PARTIES

- 3- Plaintiff is a resident of the State of Illinois.
- 4- Plaintiff is a "consumer" as defined in the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 USC 1692 et seq. ("FDCPA").
- 5- Plaintiff incurred a "Debt" as defined in the FDCPA.
- 6- Defendant is a corporation with its principal office in the State of Washington.
- 7- Defendant acquired the Debt after it was in default.
- 8- Defendant regularly attempts to collect, or attempts to collect, debts that it acquired after the same were in default.

9- Defendant uses instruments of interstate commerce for its principal purpose of business, which is the collection of debts.

10- At all times relevant, Defendant was a "debt collector" as defined in the FDCPA.

FACTS COMMON TO ALL COUNTS

11- Prior to December 17, 2018, Plaintiff incurred an obligation to pay a debt with Broadstone Estates (the "Debt").

12- Prior to December 17, 2018, Plaintiff defaulted on the Debt.

13- On December 17, 2018, Plaintiff filed a voluntary bankruptcy petition (the "Petition") that specifically listed the Debt.

14- By filing a bankruptcy petition, Plaintiff gained the protection of the automatic stay for all debts incurred before December 17, 2018.

15- Despite the Petition, on or around January 26, 2019, Defendant mailed a letter to Plaintiff to collect the Debt.

16- At the time of this communication, Defendant knew, should have known, that Plaintiff had filed bankruptcy.

17- By trying to collect a debt that was included in bankruptcy, Defendant violated the FDCPA.

18- Defendant damaged Plaintiff.

COUNT I

19- Plaintiff incorporates all the allegations and statements made above as if reiterated herein.

20- Defendant violated 15 USC § 1692e(2) by misrepresenting the character, amount, and/or legal status of the Debt.

COUNT II

21- Plaintiff incorporates all the allegations and statements made above as if reiterated herein.

22- Defendant violated 15 USC § 1692e(10) by using false representations and/or deceptive means to collect, or attempt to collect, the Debt.

COUNT III

23- Plaintiff incorporates all the allegations and statements made above as if reiterated herein.

24- Defendant violated 15 USC § 1692f by engaging in unfair and/or unconscionable means to collect, or attempt to collect, the Debt.

COUNT IV

25- Plaintiff incorporates all the allegations and statements made above as if reiterated herein.

26- Defendant violated 15 USC § 1692e by engaging in false, deceptive, or misleading methods to collect a debt.

JURY DEMAND

27- Plaintiff demands a trial by jury.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

28- Plaintiff prays for the following relief:

- a. Judgment against Defendant for Plaintiff's actual damages, as determined at trial, suffered as a direct and proximate result Defendant's violations of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. §1692k(a)(1);
- b. Judgment against Defendant for \$1,000 in statutory damages for Defendant's violations of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. §1692k(a)(2)(A);

- c. Judgment against Defendant for Plaintiff's reasonable attorneys' fees and costs incurred in this action, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. §1692k(a)(3); and
- d. Any other legal and/or equitable relief as the Court deems appropriate.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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